

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 5: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND SERVICES**  
**Chapter 521: SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT**

**§20051. CRIMINAL LAW LIMITATIONS**

**1. Laws.** A county, municipality or other political subdivision may not adopt or enforce a local law, ordinance, regulation or rule having the force of law that includes drinking, being a person with alcoholism or being found in an intoxicated condition as one of the elements of an offense giving rise to a criminal or civil penalty or sanction.

[ 2009, c. 299, Pt. A, §1 (AMD) . ]

**2. Interpretation.** A county, municipality or other political subdivision may not interpret or apply any law of general application to circumvent subsection 1.

[ 1989, c. 934, Pt. A, §3 (NEW) . ]

**3. Effect.** Nothing in this subchapter affects any law, ordinance, regulation or rule against drunken driving, driving under the influence of alcohol or other similar offense involving the operation of a vehicle, snowmobile, aircraft, boat, machinery or other equipment, or regarding the sale, purchase, dispensing, possessing or use of alcoholic beverages at stated times and places or by a particular class of persons.

[ 1989, c. 934, Pt. A, §3 (NEW) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1989, c. 934, §A3 (NEW). 2009, c. 299, Pt. A, §1 (AMD).

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